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PROPOSAL FOR WEEDING OUT OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government is considering a proposal of weeding out a host of Centrally sponsored schemes which have outlived their utility;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): whether the restructuring of social schemes could save non-plan expenditure and enhance budgetary support to other important schemes;
- (d): if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of schemes so far eliminated and the extent to which their implementation has been stopped; and
- (f) the total schemes that has been approved and are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (f): Planning Commission has recently undertaken an exercise regarding rationalization/review of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes. A few schemes have been identified for discontinuance which has been communicated to the Ministries/Departments by the Planning Commission. As per available information, 207 Centrally Sponsored Schemes are in operation in 2004-05.